

Court of Appeals

2000 Annual Caseload

Report

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Court of Appeals Highlights

Filings

- Statewide, 4,188 cases were filed in the Court of Appeals during 2000. Division I, located in Seattle and serving Northwestern Washington, received 1,996 cases--47.7% of the total Court of Appeals caseload. Division II, located in Tacoma and serving Southwestern Washington, followed, with 1,370 cases (32.7%). Division III, located in Spokane and serving Eastern Washington, made up the remaining 19.6% of the statewide caseload with the 822 new filings they received in year 2000.
- Approximately three-quarters of Court of Appeal filings are appeals, which are split fairly evenly between civil (1,559 cases) and criminal (1,528 cases) matters. The remainder of filings at this court level are made up of personal restraint petitions (17.0% of total filings) and notices of discretionary review (9.3%).
- Following 1999's 8.9% decline in filings compared with the prior year, 2000 saw a 4.0% increase over the 1999 level statewide, with Division I experiencing a 4.6% increase and Division II experiencing a 9.8% increase. However, Division III's total filings dropped 5.6% in 2000.
- While the Division II increase was experienced across all case types, Division I experienced it only in civil appeals and personal restraint petitions. Division I criminal appeals continued their general downward trend of the last few years, and notices of discretionary review declined a modest 11 cases, from 1999's 167 filings to 2000's 156. Although Division III's total filings dropped, its civil appeals increased 7.2%.

Dispositions

- The Court of Appeals disposed of 4,238 cases statewide in 2000. This is down 5.1% from the prior year.
- The divisions contributed to statewide dispositions in approximately the same proportions as was true for filings, with Division I's 2,006 making up 47.3% of total dispositions, Division II's 1,335 dispositions making up 31.5%, and Division III's 897 dispositions making up 21.2%.
- Although Division III disposed of 15.2% fewer cases in 2000 than in 1999, this decline was tied to a drop in filings. In fact, in 2000, Division III was able to dispose of 9.1% more cases than they had new filings--primarily due to disposition of 358 criminal appeals while only 279 new ones were received. Division I's similar disposal of more criminal appeals than were newly filed (769 dispositions vs. 702 filings) was offset by their receipt of more new civil appeals (784) than dispositions during that same period (721), resulting in total dispositions (2,006) fairly comparable to incoming caseload (1,996). Division II, with 1,370 filings, received 2.6% more new cases than the number they disposed in 2000 (1,335).
- Nearly half (44.2%) of all dispositions were by opinion, with approximately a quarter (24.9%) of those opinions published. Approximately one-third (34.6%) of dispositions were dismissals. Commissioners' rulings accounted for 15.2%. The

remaining 6.0% of dispositions were transferred/certified, not accepted, or terminated.

Pending

- While pending caseload decreased in Division III (corresponding to their disposition of more cases than were newly filed during 2000), pending cases increased in both Divisions I (2.5%) and II (6.1%).
- Statewide, the majority of cases pending at the end of 2000 were awaiting parties' briefs (60.5%). Opinions/orders were in process for 269 (6.7%) of pending cases. The remainder were stayed or awaiting hearing.

Time In Process

- Time-in-process from filing to opinion shortened in the Court of Appeals, for both criminal and civil appeals. This continues the downward trend achieved since 1998.
- Statewide, 75% of criminal appeals received an opinion within 637 days-a 4.6% decrease over 1999's 668 days.
- Similarly, 75% of civil appeals received an opinion within 570 days-a decrease of 3.6% over the prior year's 591 days.

Note:

Due to time lag between filing a notice of appeal in trial court and appellate court receipt of the case, current year filings are slightly under-counted (roughly 2 percent). Previous year filings will be recalculated annually to include all cases received late. Although this will provide more accurate statistical reporting, it may cause current year filing totals to vary in future court reports.

Court of Appeals Glossary

This glossary is included to assist in understanding the statistical tables.

Filings

Notice of Appeal - The filing of an appeal of a trial court final judgment that is reviewable as a matter of right. Notices of appeal must be filed within 30 days of the trial court judgment. Unless otherwise prohibited by statute or court rule, a party may appeal from only trial court decisions as specified in Rules of Appellate Procedure (RAP) 2.2. Notices of appeal are categorized into criminal and civil appeals.

Personal Restraint Petition - The filing of a review to seek relief from limitations on a person's freedom due to current or imminent confinement, or other restrictions imposed by a criminal or civil trial court decision (RAP 16.4).

Discretionary Review - The filing of a review of interlocutory orders of a trial court, made prior to a final determination of the case, concerning whether errors or substantial departure from accepted and usual courses of proceedings occurred in the case. Unless otherwise prohibited by statute or court rule, a party may seek discretionary review of any act of superior court not appealable as a matter of right (RAP 2.3).

The appellate court may reverse, affirm, or modify the decision being reviewed and take any other action as the merits of the case and the interest of justice may require (RAP 12.2). Each review is counted as being disposed as soon as a decision terminating review is filed with the appellate clerk.

Opinions - The statement by the court of the decision reached in regard to a cause argued before it, expounding the law as applied to the case, and detailing the reasons upon which the judgment is based.

Opinions Published - The published written opinion terminating the review.

Opinions Unpublished - The unpublished written opinion terminating the review.

Commissioners' Rulings - Rulings by commissioners which terminate review.

Motion on the Merits - Termination of a review due to the granting of a motion on the merits (RAP 18.14).

Other Rulings - Other rulings by commissioners, such as rulings on accelerated review of adult sentences or juvenile offender proceedings or granting a motion to dismiss--Anders (RAP 15.2(h)).

Dismissed - An order issued by the court dismissing the review prior to the point where case merit is determined. The commissioner or clerk may dismiss a review for failure to comply with procedures. The court, on motion of a party, may dismiss a review for want of prosecution, if the review is frivolous, moot or solely for the purpose of delay, or for failure to comply with procedures (RAP 18.9).

Transferred/Certified - The Supreme Court, to promote orderly administration of

justice may, on its own initiative or on motion of a party, transfer a case from the Court of Appeals to the Supreme Court ("certified"). A case may be transferred from one division to another within the Court of Appeals (RAP 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, RCW 2.06.030).

Review Not Accepted - Reviews may not be accepted if they do not meet the conditions governing the acceptance of review (RAP 2.2, 2.3, and 16.4).

Other Terminations - An order issued by the court terminating the review before an opinion is rendered. An order to terminate a review would result if, for example, a petitioner decided to withdraw the review.

Pending Cases

Case Stayed - Those cases temporarily arrested or removed from judicial processing by order of the court.

Brief Not Filed - Those cases within the stages of perfection in which no briefs have yet been filed.

Appellant Brief Filed - Those cases within the stages of perfection in which appellant's brief has been filed, but respondent's brief is still awaited.

Respondent Brief Filed - Those cases within the stages of perfection in which both appellant's brief and respondent's brief have been filed, but case has yet to be set on the court calendar for review.

Remanded to Trial Court - Those cases whose jurisdiction have been temporarily returned to the trial court of origination.

Set for Motion on the Merits - Those cases which have progressed to the point at which all briefs were filed and served, and now qualify for setting. Because a motion on the merits has been made, these cases have been set on the Motion on the Merits calendar (RAP 18.14).

Ruling Referred to Panel - Cases which were initially assigned to a commissioner, who has ruled that they should be referred to a panel of judges for a decision.

Set for Oral Argument - Those cases which have progressed to the point at which all briefs were filed and served and have been set for a review.

Opinion/Order in Process - Those cases which have been reviewed by the court but have yet to receive a decision.

Mandated

A review is mandated by the clerk of the Court of Appeals when a written notification, when required, is sent to the trial court and all parties. The notification informs all parties of an appellate court decision terminating the review.

Time In Process Statistics--Notices Of Appeal

NOTE: The time-in-process model, data entry, and statistical measurement changed substantially in 1998, and are not comparable to stages published in prior years.

Filing - The date the appeal is filed in the trial court.

Statement of Arrangements - The date of the first occurrence when the Statement of Arrangements has either been "Received" or "Filed" in the appellate court.

Completion of Record - The date transcripts and report of proceedings are complete, at which time the due date is set for the appellant's brief.

Appellant's Brief - The date of the last occurrence for the Appellant's Brief to either be "Filed" or "Received." The latter is recorded when the report is returned from the printer. Note: For statistical purposes "Received" is only employed when "Filed" is omitted.

Ready - The date on which the case is ready to go to a panel of judges. A civil case is ready when respondent's brief is filed or, in a cross-appeal, when the cross-respondent's reply brief is filed (or deemed not filed). A criminal case is ready when respondent's brief is filed and no notice of intent to file supplemental briefs has been filed. When a notice of intent is filed, the case is ready when the pro se supplemental brief is filed or when 60 days has expired.

Opinion - The date of the last occurrence of the filing of the opinion.

The Court Of Appeals
Court Activity, All Divisions, 2000

	-----Appeals-----			-----Other Reviews-----			All Reviews
	Criminal	Civil	Total	Personal Restraint	Discr. Review	Total	
FILINGS							
New Filings	1,526	1,526	3,052	671	388	1,059	4,111
Transfers	2	33	35	39	3	42	77
Total Filings	1,528	1,559	3,087	710	391	1,101	4,188
DISPOSITIONS							
Opinions Published	166	259	425	9	32	41	466
Opinions Unpublished	852	493	1,345	42	21	63	1,408
Opinions	1,018	752	1,770	51	53	104	1,874
Motion on the Merits	360	183	543	0	0	0	543
Other Rulings	73	27	100	1	0	1	101
Commissioners' Rulings	433	210	643	1	0	1	644
Dismissed	210	482	692	688	85	773	1,465
Transferred/Certified ¹	3	8	11	2	1	3	14
Review Not Accepted	4	22	26	0	184	184	210
Other Terminations	2	7	9	5	17	22	31
Total Disposed	1,670	1,481	3,151	747	340	1,087	4,238
PENDING AT YEAR END							
Cases Stayed	63	56	119	49	9	58	177
Brief Not Filed	835	726	1,561	226	145	371	1,932
Appellant Brief Filed	292	200	492	3	17	20	512
Respondent Brief Filed	592	258	850	1	21	22	872
Remanded to Trial Court	8	2	10	1	1	2	12
Set for Motion on the Merits	24	5	29	0	1	1	30
Ruling Referred to Panel	14	13	27	6	1	7	34
Set for Oral Argument ²	60	111	171	2	31	33	204
Total Awaiting Hearing	1,888	1,371	3,259	288	226	514	3,773
Opinion/Order in Process	108	150	258	4	7	11	269
Total Pending Decision	1,996	1,521	3,517	292	233	525	4,042
MANDATED							
Opinions	1,151	773	1,924	51	66	117	2,041
Commissioners' Rulings	433	200	633	0	0	0	633
Other	215	521	736	533	260	793	1,529
Total Mandated	1,799	1,494	3,293	584	326	910	4,203

1 Includes both matters transferred to other divisions and those certified to the Supreme Court.

2 Set for Oral Argument counts are influenced by procedural differences among divisions in setting cases. Division III, due to hearings in multiple locations, often delays the setting of cases until there are sufficient numbers to warrant travel, but cases are usually set only six weeks out.

The Court Of Appeals
Court Activity, Division I, 2000

	-----Appeals-----			-----Other Reviews-----			All Reviews
	Criminal	Civil	Total	Personal Restraint	Discr. Review	Total	
FILINGS							
New Filings	702	761	1,463	336	154	490	1,953
Transfers	0	23	23	18	2	20	43
Total Filings	702	784	1,486	354	156	510	1,996
DISPOSITIONS							
Opinions Published	67	123	190	3	13	16	206
Opinions Unpublished	428	248	676	21	14	35	711
Opinions	495	371	866	24	27	51	917
Motion on the Merits	160	52	212	0	0	0	212
Other Rulings	8	25	33	0	0	0	33
Commissioners' Rulings	168	77	245	0	0	0	245
Dismissed	101	259	360	334	33	367	727
Transferred/Certified ¹	3	0	3	1	1	2	5
Review Not Accepted	1	8	9	0	79	79	88
Other Terminations	1	6	7	2	15	17	24
Total Disposed	769	721	1,490	361	155	516	2,006
PENDING AT YEAR END							
Cases Stayed	49	29	78	41	3	44	122
Brief Not Filed	362	374	736	111	48	159	895
Appellant Brief Filed	118	101	219	3	11	14	233
Respondent Brief Filed	295	116	411	0	9	9	420
Remanded to Trial Court	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Set for Motion on the Merits	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ruling Referred to Panel	11	12	23	6	1	7	30
Set for Oral Argument	10	39	49	0	3	3	52
Total Awaiting Hearing	845	671	1,516	161	75	236	1,752
Opinion/Order in Process	30	76	106	2	3	5	111
Total Pending Decision	875	747	1,622	163	78	241	1,863
MANDATED							
Opinions	591	369	960	26	31	57	1,017
Commissioners' Rulings	134	73	207	0	0	0	207
Other	97	263	360	203	85	288	648
Total Mandated	822	705	1,527	229	116	345	1,872

¹ Includes both matters transferred to other divisions and those certified to the Supreme Court.

The Court Of Appeals
Court Activity, Division II, 2000

	-----Appeals-----			-----Other Reviews-----			All Reviews
	Criminal	Civil	Total	Personal Restraint	Discr. Review	Total	
FILINGS							
New Filings	546	441	987	222	139	361	1,348
Transfers	1	6	7	14	1	15	22
Total Filings	547	447	994	236	140	376	1,370
DISPOSITIONS							
Opinions Published	54	75	129	1	4	5	134
Opinions Unpublished	271	130	401	11	5	16	417
Opinions	325	205	530	12	9	21	551
Motion on the Merits	85	80	165	0	0	0	165
Other Rulings	64	2	66	1	0	1	67
Commissioners' Rulings	149	82	231	1	0	1	232
Dismissed	67	137	204	238	27	265	469
Transferred/Certified ¹	0	2	2	1	0	1	3
Review Not Accepted	1	8	9	0	65	65	74
Other Terminations	1	1	2	3	1	4	6
Total Disposed	543	435	978	255	102	357	1,335
PENDING AT YEAR END							
Cases Stayed	11	14	25	2	2	4	29
Brief Not Filed	324	191	515	65	65	130	645
Appellant Brief Filed	108	54	162	0	3	3	165
Respondent Brief Filed	228	86	314	0	7	7	321
Remanded to Trial Court	7	1	8	0	0	0	8
Set for Motion on the Merits	1	2	3	0	0	0	3
Ruling Referred to Panel	3	1	4	0	0	0	4
Set for Oral Argument	37	53	90	1	13	14	104
Total Awaiting Hearing	719	402	1,121	68	90	158	1,279
Opinion/Order in Process	55	45	100	1	1	2	102
Total Pending Decision	774	447	1,221	69	91	160	1,381
MANDATED							
Opinions	338	219	557	10	11	21	578
Commissioners' Rulings	172	76	248	0	0	0	248
Other	74	155	229	190	100	290	519
Total Mandated	584	450	1,034	200	111	311	1,345

1 Includes both matters transferred to other divisions and those certified to the Supreme Court.

The Court Of Appeals
Court Activity, Division III, 2000

	-----Appeals-----			-----Other Reviews-----			All Reviews
	Criminal	Civil	Total	Personal Restraint	Discr. Review	Total	
FILINGS							
New Filings	278	324	602	113	95	208	810
Transfers	1	4	5	7	0	7	12
Total Filings	279	328	607	120	95	215	822
DISPOSITIONS							
Opinions Published	45	61	106	5	15	20	126
Opinions Unpublished	153	115	268	10	2	12	280
Opinions	198	176	374	15	17	32	406
Motion on the Merits	115	51	166	0	0	0	166
Other Rulings	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
Commissioners' Rulings	116	51	167	0	0	0	167
Dismissed	42	86	128	116	25	141	269
Transferred/Certified ¹	0	6	6	0	0	0	6
Review Not Accepted	2	6	8	0	40	40	48
Other Terminations	0	0	0	0	1	1	1
Total Disposed	358	325	683	131	83	214	897
PENDING AT YEAR END							
Cases Stayed	3	13	16	6	4	10	26
Brief Not Filed	149	161	310	50	32	82	392
Appellant Brief Filed	66	45	111	0	3	3	114
Respondent Brief Filed	69	56	125	1	5	6	131
Remanded to Trial Court	1	1	2	1	1	2	4
Set for Motion on the Merits	23	3	26	0	1	1	27
Ruling Referred to Panel	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Set for Oral Argument ²	13	19	32	1	15	16	48
Total Awaiting Hearing	324	298	622	59	61	120	742
Opinion/Order in Process	23	29	52	1	3	4	56
Total Pending Decision	347	327	674	60	64	124	798
MANDATED							
Opinions	222	185	407	15	24	39	446
Commissioners' Rulings	127	51	178	0	0	0	178
Other	44	103	147	140	75	215	362
Total Mandated	393	339	732	155	99	254	986

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**The Court of Appeals
History of Filings, 1996-2000**

	1996	1997	% Chg	1998	% Chg	1999	% Chg	2000	% Chg
DIVISION I									
Criminal Appeals	853	801	-6.1%	821	2.5%	749	-8.8%	702	-6.3%
Civil Appeals	675	735	8.9%	739	0.5%	696	-5.8%	784	12.6%
Total Appeals	1,528	1,536	0.5%	1,560	1.6%	1,445	-7.4%	1,486	2.8%
Personal Restraint Petitions	246	209	-15.0%	249	19.1%	297	19.3%	354	19.2%
Notices of Discretionary Review	220	207	-5.9%	214	3.4%	167	-22.0%	156	-6.6%
Total Filings, Division I	1,994	1,952	-2.1%	2,023	3.6%	1,909	-5.6%	1,996	4.6%
DIVISION II									
Criminal Appeals	560	586	4.6%	598	2.0%	525	-12.2%	547	4.2%
Civil Appeals	374	430	15.0%	482	12.1%	412	-14.5%	447	8.5%
Total Appeals	934	1,016	8.8%	1,080	6.3%	937	-13.2%	994	6.1%
Personal Restraint Petitions	206	151	-26.7%	205	35.8%	205	0.0%	236	15.1%
Notices of Discretionary Review	145	117	-19.3%	128	9.4%	106	-17.2%	140	32.1%
Total Filings, Division II	1,285	1,284	-0.1%	1,413	10.0%	1,248	-11.7%	1,370	9.8%
DIVISION III									
Criminal Appeals	340	337	-0.9%	404	19.9%	313	-22.5%	279	-10.9%
Civil Appeals	326	288	-11.7%	331	14.9%	306	-7.6%	328	7.2%
Total Appeals	666	625	-6.2%	735	17.6%	619	-15.8%	607	-1.9%
Personal Restraint Petitions	96	85	-11.5%	150	76.5%	155	3.3%	120	-22.6%
Notices of Discretionary Review	142	106	-25.4%	100	-5.7%	97	-3.0%	95	-2.1%
Total Filings, Division III	904	816	-9.7%	985	20.7%	871	-11.6%	822	-5.6%
COURT OF APPEALS, TOTAL									
Criminal Appeals	1,753	1,724	-1.7%	1,823	5.7%	1,587	-12.9%	1,528	-3.7%
Civil Appeals	1,375	1,453	5.7%	1,552	6.8%	1,414	-8.9%	1,559	10.3%
Total Appeals	3,128	3,177	1.6%	3,375	6.2%	3,001	-11.1%	3,087	2.9%
Personal Restraint Petitions	548	445	-18.8%	604	35.7%	657	8.8%	710	8.1%
Notices of Discretionary Review	507	430	-15.2%	442	2.8%	370	-16.3%	391	5.7%
Total Filings, Court Of Appeals	4,183	4,052	-3.1%	4,421	9.1%	4,028	-8.9%	4,188	4.0%

**The Court of Appeals
History of Dispositions, 1996-2000**

	1996	1997	% Chg	1998	% Chg	1999	% Chg	2000	% Chg
DIVISION I									
Criminal Appeals	886	1,079	21.8%	860	-20.3%	835	-2.9%	769	-7.9%
Civil Appeals	641	806	25.7%	717	-11.0%	776	8.2%	721	-7.1%
Total Appeals	1,527	1,885	23.4%	1,577	-16.3%	1,611	2.2%	1,490	-7.5%
Personal Restraint Petitions	254	242	-4.7%	208	-14.0%	252	21.2%	361	43.3%
Notices of Discretionary Review	197	237	20.3%	218	-8.0%	165	-24.3%	155	-6.1%
Total Dispositions, Division I	1,978	2,364	19.5%	2,003	-15.3%	2,028	1.2%	2,006	-1.1%
DIVISION II									
Criminal Appeals	548	758	38.3%	497	-34.4%	592	19.1%	543	-8.3%
Civil Appeals	446	432	-3.1%	481	11.3%	474	-1.5%	435	-8.2%
Total Appeals	994	1,190	19.7%	978	-17.8%	1,066	9.0%	978	-8.3%
Personal Restraint Petitions	211	141	-33.2%	180	27.7%	201	11.7%	255	26.9%
Notices of Discretionary Review	140	141	0.7%	127	-9.9%	114	-10.2%	102	-10.5%
Total Dispositions, Division II	1,345	1,472	9.4%	1,285	-12.7%	1,381	7.5%	1,335	-3.3%
DIVISION III									
Criminal Appeals	299	414	38.5%	345	-16.7%	458	32.8%	358	-21.8%
Civil Appeals	337	377	11.9%	268	-28.9%	346	29.1%	325	-6.1%
Total Appeals	636	791	24.4%	613	-22.5%	804	31.2%	683	-15.0%
Personal Restraint Petitions	100	102	2.0%	126	23.5%	146	15.9%	131	-10.3%
Notices of Discretionary Review	124	121	-2.4%	118	-2.5%	108	-8.5%	83	-23.1%
Total Dispositions, Division III	860	1,014	17.9%	857	-15.5%	1,058	23.5%	897	-15.2%
COURT OF APPEALS, TOTAL									
Criminal Appeals	1,733	2,251	29.9%	1,702	-24.4%	1,885	10.8%	1,670	-11.4%
Civil Appeals	1,424	1,615	13.4%	1,466	-9.2%	1,596	8.9%	1,481	-7.2%
Total Appeals	3,157	3,866	22.5%	3,168	-18.1%	3,481	9.9%	3,151	-9.5%
Personal Restraint Petitions	565	485	-14.2%	514	6.0%	599	16.5%	747	24.7%
Notices of Discretionary Review	461	499	8.2%	463	-7.2%	387	-16.4%	340	-12.1%
Total Dispositions, Court of Appeals	4,183	4,850	15.9%	4,145	-14.5%	4,467	7.8%	4,238	-5.1%

**The Court of Appeals
History of Pending Cases, 1996-2000**

	1996	1997 % Chg	1998 % Chg	1999 % Chg	2000 % Chg
DIVISION I					
Criminal Appeals	1,346	1,065 -20.9%	1,032 -3.1%	912 -11.6%	875 -4.1%
Civil Appeals	809	740 -8.5%	764 3.2%	667 -12.7%	747 12.0%
Total Appeals	2,155	1,805 -16.2%	1,796 -0.5%	1,579 -12.1%	1,622 2.7%
Personal Restraint Petitions	118	83 -29.7%	127 53.0%	168 32.3%	163 -3.0%
Notices of Discretionary Review	112	84 -25.0%	78 -7.1%	71 -9.0%	78 9.9%
Total Pending, Division I	2,385	1,972 -17.3%	2,001 1.5%	1,818 -9.1%	1,863 2.5%
DIVISION II					
Criminal Appeals	906	734 -19.0%	831 13.2%	746 -10.2%	774 3.8%
Civil Appeals	499	498 -0.2%	493 -1.0%	431 -12.6%	447 3.7%
Total Appeals	1,405	1,232 -12.3%	1,324 7.5%	1,177 -11.1%	1,221 3.7%
Personal Restraint Petitions	52	61 17.3%	86 41.0%	79 -8.1%	69 -12.7%
Notices of Discretionary Review	84	63 -25.0%	63 0.0%	46 -27.0%	91 97.8%
Total Pending, Division II	1,541	1,356 -12.0%	1,473 8.6%	1,302 -11.6%	1,381 6.1%
DIVISION III					
Criminal Appeals	581	498 -14.3%	566 13.7%	417 -26.3%	347 -16.8%
Civil Appeals	403	313 -22.3%	366 16.9%	310 -15.3%	327 5.5%
Total Appeals	984	811 -17.6%	932 14.9%	727 -22.0%	674 -7.3%
Personal Restraint Petitions	54	38 -29.6%	62 63.2%	68 9.7%	60 -11.8%
Notices of Discretionary Review	96	81 -15.6%	63 -22.2%	50 -20.6%	64 28.0%
Total Pending, Division III	1,134	930 -18.0%	1,057 13.7%	845 -20.1%	798 -5.6%
COURT OF APPEALS, TOTAL					
Criminal Appeals	2,833	2,297 -18.9%	2,429 5.7%	2,075 -14.6%	1,996 -3.8%
Civil Appeals	1,711	1,551 -9.4%	1,623 4.6%	1,408 -13.2%	1,521 8.0%
Total Appeals	4,544	3,848 -15.3%	4,052 5.3%	3,483 -14.0%	3,517 1.0%
Personal Restraint Petitions	224	182 -18.8%	275 51.1%	315 14.5%	292 -7.3%
Notices of Discretionary Review	292	228 -21.9%	204 -10.5%	167 -18.1%	233 39.5%
Total Pending, Court of Appeals	5,060	4,258 -15.8%	4,531 6.4%	3,965 -12.5%	4,042 1.9%

The Court of Appeals

History of Activity, All Reviews, All Divisions, 1996-2000

	1996	1997 % Chg3	1998 % Chg3	1999 % Chg3	2000 % Chg3
FILINGS					
New Filings	4,095	3,994 -2.5%	4,338 8.6%	3,935 -9.3%	4,111 4.5%
Transfers	88	58 -34.1%	83 43.1%	93 12.0%	77 -17.2%
Total Filings	4,183	4,052 -3.1%	4,421 9.1%	4,028 -8.9%	4,188 4.0%
DISPOSITIONS					
Opinions Published	416	509 22.4%	411 -19.3%	561 36.5%	466 -16.9%
Opinions Unpublished	1,368	1,871 36.8%	1,343 -28.2%	1,664 23.9%	1,408 -15.4%
Opinions	1,784	2,380 33.4%	1,754 -26.3%	2,225 26.9%	1,874 -15.8%
Motion on the Merits	529	596 12.7%	502 -15.8%	449 -10.6%	543 20.9%
Other Rulings	158	206 30.4%	201 -2.4%	144 -28.4%	101 -29.9%
Commissioners' Rulings	687	802 16.7%	703 -12.3%	593 -15.6%	644 8.6%
Dismissed	1,262	1,284 1.7%	1,345 4.8%	1,359 1.0%	1,465 7.8%
Transferred/Certified ¹	38	19 . %	19 . %	11 . %	14 . %
Review Not Accepted	350	305 -12.9%	277 -9.2%	239 -13.7%	210 -12.1%
Other Terminations	62	60 -3.2%	47 -21.7%	40 -14.9%	31 -22.5%
Total Disposed	4,183	4,850 15.9%	4,145 -14.5%	4,467 7.8%	4,238 -5.1%
PENDING AT YEAR END					
Case Stayed	119	63 -47.1%	62 -1.6%	118 90.3%	177 50.0%
Brief Not Filed	2,157	1,956 -9.3%	2,110 7.9%	1,779 -15.7%	1,932 8.6%
Appellant Brief Filed	614	592 -3.6%	594 0.3%	508 -14.5%	512 0.8%
Respondent Brief Filed	969	1,017 5.0%	955 -6.1%	984 3.0%	872 -11.4%
Remanded to Trial Court	24	27 . %	15 . %	13 . %	12 . %
Set for Motion on the Merits	160	26 . %	49 . %	115 134.7%	30 -73.9%
Ruling Referred to Panel	250	61 -75.6%	43 -29.5%	13 . %	34 . %
Set for Oral Argument ²	454	292 -35.7%	253 -13.4%	169 -33.2%	204 20.7%
Total Awaiting Hearing	4,747	4,034 -15.0%	4,081 1.2%	3,699 -9.4%	3,773 2.0%
Opinion/Order in Process	313	224 -28.4%	450 100.9%	266 -40.9%	269 1.1%
Total Pending Decision	5,060	4,258 -15.8%	4,531 6.4%	3,965 -12.5%	4,042 1.9%
MANDATED					
Opinions	1,702	2,215 30.1%	1,886 -14.9%	2,103 11.5%	2,041 -2.9%
Commissioners' Rulings	723	755 4.4%	758 0.4%	619 -18.3%	633 2.3%
Other	1,519	1,767 16.3%	1,636 -7.4%	1,611 -1.5%	1,529 -5.1%
Total Mandated	3,944	4,737 20.1%	4,280 -9.6%	4,333 1.2%	4,203 -3.0%

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The Court of Appeals

History of Activity, All Reviews, Division I, 1996-2000

	1996	1997	% Chg2	1998	% Chg2	1999	% Chg2	2000	% Chg2
FILINGS									
New Filings	1,960	1,921	-2.0%	1,979	3.0%	1,863	-5.9%	1,953	4.8%
Transfers	34	31	-8.8%	44	41.9%	46	4.5%	43	-6.5%
Total Filings	1,994	1,952	-2.1%	2,023	3.6%	1,909	-5.6%	1,996	4.6%
DISPOSITIONS									
Opinions Published	169	231	36.7%	189	-18.2%	276	46.0%	206	-25.4%
Opinions Unpublished	734	949	29.3%	737	-22.3%	842	14.2%	711	-15.6%
Opinions	903	1,180	30.7%	926	-21.5%	1,118	20.7%	917	-18.0%
Motion on the Merits	269	338	25.7%	217	-35.8%	131	-39.6%	212	61.8%
Other Rulings	36	51	41.7%	55	7.8%	22	. %	33	. %
Commissioners' Rulings	305	389	27.5%	272	-30.1%	153	-43.8%	245	60.1%
Dismissed	580	600	3.4%	631	5.2%	627	-0.6%	727	15.9%
Transferred/Certified ¹	11	8	. %	9	. %	7	. %	5	. %
Review Not Accepted	141	145	2.8%	126	-13.1%	100	-20.6%	88	-12.0%
Other Terminations	38	42	10.5%	39	-7.1%	23	. %	24	. %
Total Disposed	1,978	2,364	19.5%	2,003	-15.3%	2,028	1.2%	2,006	-1.1%
PENDING AT YEAR END									
Case Stayed	79	41	-48.1%	37	-9.8%	83	124.3%	122	47.0%
Brief Not Filed	995	940	-5.5%	912	-3.0%	834	-8.6%	895	7.3%
Appellant Brief Filed	259	252	-2.7%	257	2.0%	218	-15.2%	233	6.9%
Respondent Brief Filed	325	494	52.0%	397	-19.6%	419	5.5%	420	0.2%
Remanded to Trial Court	8	8	. %	4	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Set for Motion on the Merits	93	1	. %	7	. %	49	. %	0	. %
Ruling Referred to Panel	249	61	-75.5%	32	-47.5%	13	. %	30	. %
Set for Oral Argument	208	74	-64.4%	125	68.9%	59	-52.8%	52	-11.9%
Total Awaiting Hearing	2,216	1,871	-15.6%	1,771	-5.3%	1,675	-5.4%	1,752	4.6%
Opinion/Order in Process	169	101	-40.2%	230	127.7%	143	-37.8%	111	-22.4%
Total Pending Decision	2,385	1,972	-17.3%	2,001	1.5%	1,818	-9.1%	1,863	2.5%
MANDATED									
Opinions	877	1,072	22.2%	982	-8.4%	1,046	6.5%	1,017	-2.8%
Commissioners' Rulings	351	304	-13.4%	328	7.9%	181	-44.8%	207	14.4%
Other	774	718	-7.2%	793	10.4%	744	-6.2%	648	-12.9%
Total Mandated	2,002	2,094	4.6%	2,103	0.4%	1,971	-6.3%	1,872	-5.0%

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The Court of Appeals
History of Activity, All Reviews, Division II, 1996-2000

	1996	1997	% Chg2	1998	% Chg2	1999	% Chg2	2000	% Chg2
FILINGS									
New Filings	1,259	1,265	0.5%	1,383	9.3%	1,213	-12.3%	1,348	11.1%
Transfers	26	19	. %	30	. %	35	16.7%	22	. %
Total Filings	1,285	1,284	-0.1%	1,413	10.0%	1,248	-11.7%	1,370	9.8%
DISPOSITIONS									
Opinions Published	148	128	-13.5%	145	13.3%	160	10.3%	134	-16.3%
Opinions Unpublished	410	581	41.7%	367	-36.8%	435	18.5%	417	-4.1%
Opinions	558	709	27.1%	512	-27.8%	595	16.2%	551	-7.4%
Motion on the Merits	170	154	-9.4%	184	19.5%	150	-18.5%	165	10.0%
Other Rulings	58	93	60.3%	81	-12.9%	94	16.0%	67	-28.7%
Commissioners' Rulings	228	247	8.3%	265	7.3%	244	-7.9%	232	-4.9%
Dismissed	442	413	-6.6%	417	1.0%	447	7.2%	469	4.9%
Transferred/Certified ¹	24	3	. %	4	. %	1	. %	3	. %
Review Not Accepted	73	89	21.9%	82	-7.9%	84	2.4%	74	-11.9%
Other Terminations	20	11	. %	5	. %	10	. %	6	. %
Total Disposed	1,345	1,472	9.4%	1,285	-12.7%	1,381	7.5%	1,335	-3.3%
PENDING AT YEAR END									
Case Stayed	12	4	. %	9	. %	12	. %	29	. %
Brief Not Filed	673	618	-8.2%	721	16.7%	551	-23.6%	645	17.1%
Appellant Brief Filed	211	179	-15.2%	185	3.4%	183	-1.1%	165	-9.8%
Respondent Brief Filed	434	337	-22.4%	346	2.7%	389	12.4%	321	-17.5%
Remanded to Trial Court	0	2	. %	2	. %	7	. %	8	. %
Set for Motion on the Merits	2	0	. %	6	. %	9	. %	3	. %
Ruling Referred to Panel	1	0	. %	11	. %	0	. %	4	. %
Set for Oral Argument	150	142	-5.3%	108	-23.9%	90	-16.7%	104	15.6%
Total Awaiting Hearing	1,483	1,282	-13.6%	1,388	8.3%	1,241	-10.6%	1,279	3.1%
Opinion/Order in Process	58	74	27.6%	85	14.9%	61	-28.2%	102	67.2%
Total Pending Decision	1,541	1,356	-12.0%	1,473	8.6%	1,302	-11.6%	1,381	6.1%
MANDATED									
Opinions	488	724	48.4%	522	-27.9%	619	18.6%	578	-6.6%
Commissioners' Rulings	242	278	14.9%	279	0.4%	237	-15.1%	248	4.6%
Other	431	616	42.9%	501	-18.7%	522	4.2%	519	-0.6%
Total Mandated	1,161	1,618	39.4%	1,302	-19.5%	1,378	5.8%	1,345	-2.4%

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The Court of Appeals
History of Activity, All Reviews, Division III, 1996-2000

	1996	1997 % Chg3	1998 % Chg3	1999 % Chg3	2000 % Chg3
FILINGS					
New Filings	876	808 -7.8%	976 20.8%	859 -12.0%	810 -5.7%
Transfers	28	8 . %	9 . %	12 . %	12 . %
Total Filings	904	816 -9.7%	985 20.7%	871 -11.6%	822 -5.6%
DISPOSITIONS					
Opinions Published	99	150 51.5%	77 -48.7%	125 62.3%	126 0.8%
Opinions Unpublished	224	341 52.2%	239 -29.9%	387 61.9%	280 -27.6%
Opinions	323	491 52.0%	316 -35.6%	512 62.0%	406 -20.7%
Motion on the Merits	90	104 15.6%	101 -2.9%	168 66.3%	166 -1.2%
Other Rulings	64	62 -3.1%	65 4.8%	28 . %	1 . %
Commissioners' Rulings	154	166 7.8%	166 0.0%	196 18.1%	167 -14.8%
Dismissed	240	271 12.9%	297 9.6%	285 -4.0%	269 -5.6%
Transferred/Certified ¹	3	8 . %	6 . %	3 . %	6 . %
Review Not Accepted	136	71 -47.8%	69 -2.8%	55 -20.3%	48 -12.7%
Other Terminations	4	7 . %	3 . %	7 . %	1 . %
Total Disposed	860	1,014 17.9%	857 -15.5%	1,058 23.5%	897 -15.2%
PENDING AT YEAR END					
Case Stayed	28	18 . %	16 . %	23 . %	26 . %
Brief Not Filed	489	398 -18.6%	477 19.8%	394 -17.4%	392 -0.5%
Appellant Brief Filed	144	161 11.8%	152 -5.6%	107 -29.6%	114 6.5%
Respondent Brief Filed	210	186 -11.4%	212 14.0%	176 -17.0%	131 -25.6%
Remanded to Trial Court	16	17 . %	9 . %	6 . %	4 . %
Set for Motion on the Merits	65	25 . %	36 . %	57 58.3%	27 . %
Ruling Referred to Panel	0	0 . %	0 . %	0 . %	0 . %
Set for Oral Argument ²	96	76 -20.8%	20 . %	20 . %	48 . %
Total Awaiting Hearing	1,048	881 -15.9%	922 4.7%	783 -15.1%	742 -5.2%
Opinion/Order in Process	86	49 -43.0%	135 175.5%	62 -54.1%	56 -9.7%
Total Pending Decision	1,134	930 -18.0%	1,057 13.7%	845 -20.1%	798 -5.6%
MANDATED					
Opinions	337	419 24.3%	382 -8.8%	438 14.7%	446 1.8%
Commissioners' Rulings	130	173 33.1%	151 -12.7%	201 33.1%	178 -11.4%
Other	314	433 37.9%	342 -21.0%	345 0.9%	362 4.9%
Total Mandated	781	1,025 31.2%	875 -14.6%	984 12.5%	986 0.2%

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The Court of Appeals
Court Activity, All Divisions, Criminal Appeals, 1996-2000

	1996	1997	% Chg2	1998	% Chg2	1999	% Chg2	2000	% Chg2
FILINGS									
New Filings	1,748	1,721	-1.5%	1,817	5.6%	1,585	-12.8%	1,526	-3.7%
Transfers	5	3	. %	6	. %	2	. %	2	. %
Total Filings	1,753	1,724	-1.7%	1,823	5.7%	1,587	-12.9%	1,528	-3.7%
DISPOSITIONS									
Opinions Published	147	175	19.0%	138	-21.1%	221	60.1%	166	-24.9%
Opinions Unpublished	822	1,188	44.5%	837	-29.5%	1,021	22.0%	852	-16.6%
Opinions	969	1,363	40.7%	975	-28.5%	1,242	27.4%	1,018	-18.0%
Motion on the Merits	390	439	12.6%	336	-23.5%	306	-8.9%	360	17.6%
Other Rulings	154	202	31.2%	171	-15.3%	126	-26.3%	73	-42.1%
Commissioners' Rulings	544	641	17.8%	507	-20.9%	432	-14.8%	433	0.2%
Dismissed	208	237	13.9%	209	-11.8%	205	-1.9%	210	2.4%
Transferred/Certified ¹	3	2	. %	2	. %	1	. %	3	. %
Review Not Accepted	6	3	. %	2	. %	2	. %	4	. %
Other Terminations	3	5	. %	7	. %	3	. %	2	. %
Total Disposed	1,733	2,251	29.9%	1,702	-24.4%	1,885	10.8%	1,670	-11.4%
PENDING AT YEAR END									
Case Stayed	55	19	. %	17	. %	54	. %	63	16.7%
Brief Not Filed	1,106	950	-14.1%	1,004	5.7%	768	-23.5%	835	8.7%
Appellant Brief Filed	419	407	-2.9%	397	-2.5%	323	-18.6%	292	-9.6%
Respondent Brief Filed	605	624	3.1%	677	8.5%	666	-1.6%	592	-11.1%
Remanded to Trial Court	9	12	. %	9	. %	12	. %	8	. %
Set for Motion on the Merits	124	20	. %	42	. %	94	123.8%	24	. %
Ruling Referred to Panel	202	42	-79.2%	27	. %	7	. %	14	. %
Set for Oral Argument	187	133	-28.9%	88	-33.8%	70	-20.5%	60	-14.3%
Total Awaiting Hearing	2,707	2,207	-18.5%	2,261	2.4%	1,994	-11.8%	1,888	-5.3%
Opinion/Order in Process	126	90	-28.6%	168	86.7%	81	-51.8%	108	33.3%
Total Pending Decision	2,833	2,297	-18.9%	2,429	5.7%	2,075	-14.6%	1,996	-3.8%
MANDATED									
Opinions	960	1,277	33.0%	1,051	-17.7%	1,153	9.7%	1,151	-0.2%
Commissioners' Rulings	581	615	5.9%	559	-9.1%	450	-19.5%	433	-3.8%
Other	207	259	25.1%	215	-17.0%	222	3.3%	215	-3.2%
Total Mandated	1,748	2,151	23.1%	1,825	-15.2%	1,825	0.0%	1,799	-1.4%

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The Court of Appeals
 Court Activity, All Divisions, Civil Appeals, 1996-2000

	1996	1997	% Chg2	1998	% Chg2	1999	% Chg2	2000	% Chg2
FILINGS									
New Filings	1,345	1,430	6.3%	1,506	5.3%	1,385	-8.0%	1,526	10.2%
Transfers	30	23	. %	46	. %	29	. %	33	. %
Total Filings	1,375	1,453	5.7%	1,552	6.8%	1,414	-8.9%	1,559	10.3%
DISPOSITIONS									
Opinions Published	228	287	25.9%	231	-19.5%	297	28.6%	259	-12.8%
Opinions Unpublished	475	585	23.2%	448	-23.4%	566	26.3%	493	-12.9%
Opinions	703	872	24.0%	679	-22.1%	863	27.1%	752	-12.9%
Motion on the Merits	136	153	12.5%	165	7.8%	140	-15.2%	183	30.7%
Other Rulings	1	2	. %	29	. %	17	. %	27	. %
Commissioners' Rulings	137	155	13.1%	194	25.2%	157	-19.1%	210	33.8%
Dismissed	487	557	14.4%	563	1.1%	538	-4.4%	482	-10.4%
Transferred/Certified ¹	13	11	. %	13	. %	10	. %	8	. %
Review Not Accepted	79	14	. %	14	. %	18	. %	22	. %
Other Terminations	5	6	. %	3	. %	10	. %	7	. %
Total Disposed	1,424	1,615	13.4%	1,466	-9.2%	1,596	8.9%	1,481	-7.2%
PENDING AT YEAR END									
Case Stayed	36	29	. %	28	. %	39	. %	56	43.6%
Brief Not Filed	670	693	3.4%	730	5.3%	602	-17.5%	726	20.6%
Appellant Brief Filed	173	174	0.6%	180	3.4%	180	0.0%	200	11.1%
Respondent Brief Filed	340	366	7.6%	264	-27.9%	302	14.4%	258	-14.6%
Remanded to Trial Court	15	14	. %	3	. %	1	. %	2	. %
Set for Motion on the Merits	34	6	. %	6	. %	20	. %	5	. %
Ruling Referred to Panel	35	17	. %	9	. %	4	. %	13	. %
Set for Oral Argument	246	134	-45.5%	153	14.2%	92	-39.9%	111	20.7%
Total Awaiting Hearing	1,549	1,433	-7.5%	1,373	-4.2%	1,240	-9.7%	1,371	10.6%
Opinion/Order in Process	162	118	-27.2%	250	111.9%	168	-32.8%	150	-10.7%
Total Pending Decision	1,711	1,551	-9.4%	1,623	4.6%	1,408	-13.2%	1,521	8.0%
MANDATED									
Opinions	647	815	26.0%	713	-12.5%	838	17.5%	773	-7.8%
Commissioners' Rulings	132	135	2.3%	196	45.2%	164	-16.3%	200	22.0%
Other	529	628	18.7%	604	-3.8%	572	-5.3%	521	-8.9%
Total Mandated	1,308	1,578	20.6%	1,513	-4.1%	1,574	4.0%	1,494	-5.1%

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The Court of Appeals
 Court Activity, All Divisions, Total Appeals, 1996-2000

	1996	1997	% Chg2	1998	% Chg2	1999	% Chg2	2000	% Chg2
FILINGS									
New Filings	3,093	3,151	1.9%	3,323	5.5%	2,970	-10.6%	3,052	2.8%
Transfers	35	26	. %	52	. %	31	-40.4%	35	12.9%
Total Filings	3,128	3,177	1.6%	3,375	6.2%	3,001	-11.1%	3,087	2.9%
DISPOSITIONS									
Opinions Published	375	462	23.2%	369	-20.1%	518	40.4%	425	-18.0%
Opinions Unpublished	1,297	1,773	36.7%	1,285	-27.5%	1,587	23.5%	1,345	-15.2%
Opinions	1,672	2,235	33.7%	1,654	-26.0%	2,105	27.3%	1,770	-15.9%
Motion on the Merits	526	592	12.5%	501	-15.4%	446	-11.0%	543	21.7%
Other Rulings	155	204	31.6%	200	-2.0%	143	-28.5%	100	-30.1%
Commissioners' Rulings	681	796	16.9%	701	-11.9%	589	-16.0%	643	9.2%
Dismissed	695	794	14.2%	772	-2.8%	743	-3.8%	692	-6.9%
Transferred/Certified ¹	16	13	. %	15	. %	11	. %	11	. %
Review Not Accepted	85	17	. %	16	. %	20	. %	26	. %
Other Terminations	8	11	. %	10	. %	13	. %	9	. %
Total Disposed	3,157	3,866	22.5%	3,168	-18.1%	3,481	9.9%	3,151	-9.5%
PENDING AT YEAR END									
Case Stayed	91	48	-47.3%	45	-6.3%	93	106.7%	119	28.0%
Brief Not Filed	1,776	1,643	-7.5%	1,734	5.5%	1,370	-21.0%	1,561	13.9%
Appellant Brief Filed	592	581	-1.9%	577	-0.7%	503	-12.8%	492	-2.2%
Respondent Brief Filed	945	990	4.8%	941	-4.9%	968	2.9%	850	-12.2%
Remanded to Trial Court	24	26	. %	12	. %	13	. %	10	. %
Set for Motion on the Merits	158	26	. %	48	. %	114	137.5%	29	. %
Ruling Referred to Panel	237	59	-75.1%	36	-39.0%	11	. %	27	. %
Set For Oral Argument	433	267	-38.3%	241	-9.7%	162	-32.8%	171	5.6%
Total Awaiting Hearing	4,256	3,640	-14.5%	3,634	-0.2%	3,234	-11.0%	3,259	0.8%
Opinion/Order in Process	288	208	-27.8%	418	101.0%	249	-40.4%	258	3.6%
Total Pending Decision	4,544	3,848	-15.3%	4,052	5.3%	3,483	-14.0%	3,517	1.0%
MANDATED									
Opinions	1,607	2,092	30.2%	1,764	-15.7%	1,991	12.9%	1,924	-3.4%
Commissioners' Rulings	713	750	5.2%	755	0.7%	614	-18.7%	633	3.1%
Other	736	887	20.5%	819	-7.7%	794	-3.1%	736	-7.3%
Total Mandated	3,056	3,729	22.0%	3,338	-10.5%	3,399	1.8%	3,293	-3.1%

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The Court of Appeals
 Court Activity, All Divisions, Personal Restraint Petitions, 1996-2000

	1996	1997 % Chg2	1998 % Chg2	1999 % Chg2	2000 % Chg2
FILINGS					
New Filings	510	415 -18.6%	576 38.8%	596 3.5%	671 12.6%
Transfers	38	30 -21.1%	28 . %	61 . %	39 -36.1%
Total Filings	548	445 -18.8%	604 35.7%	657 8.8%	710 8.1%
DISPOSITIONS					
Opinions Published	7	10 . %	12 . %	6 . %	9 . %
Opinions Unpublished	38	53 39.5%	23 . %	38 . %	42 10.5%
Opinions	45	63 40.0%	35 -44.4%	44 25.7%	51 15.9%
Motion on the Merits	1	4 . %	1 . %	2 . %	0 . %
Other Rulings	0	2 . %	1 . %	1 . %	1 . %
Commissioners' Rulings	1	6 . %	2 . %	3 . %	1 . %
Dismissed	509	410 -19.4%	470 14.6%	545 16.0%	688 26.2%
Transferred/Certified ¹	3	2 . %	3 . %	0 . %	2 . %
Review Not Accepted	0	0 . %	0 . %	0 . %	0 . %
Other Terminations	7	4 . %	4 . %	7 . %	5 . %
Total Disposed	565	485 -14.2%	514 6.0%	599 16.5%	747 24.7%
PENDING AT YEAR END					
Case Stayed	10	4 . %	9 . %	20 . %	49 . %
Brief Not Filed	179	162 -9.5%	244 50.6%	284 16.4%	226 -20.4%
Appellant Brief Filed	3	0 . %	0 . %	1 . %	3 . %
Respondent Brief Filed	1	1 . %	1 . %	0 . %	1 . %
Remanded to Trial Court	0	1 . %	2 . %	0 . %	1 . %
Set for Motion on the Merits	2	0 . %	0 . %	1 . %	0 . %
Ruling Referred to Panel	10	2 . %	2 . %	0 . %	6 . %
Set for Oral Argument	6	6 . %	5 . %	2 . %	2 . %
Total Awaiting Hearing	211	176 -16.6%	263 49.4%	308 17.1%	288 -6.5%
Opinion/Order in Process	13	6 . %	12 . %	7 . %	4 . %
Total Pending Decision	224	182 -18.8%	275 51.1%	315 14.5%	292 -7.3%
MANDATED					
Opinions	40	49 22.5%	46 -6.1%	45 -2.2%	51 13.3%
Commissioners' Rulings	4	5 . %	3 . %	4 . %	0 . %
Other	430	468 8.8%	438 -6.4%	473 8.0%	533 12.7%
Total Mandated	474	522 10.1%	487 -6.7%	522 7.2%	584 11.9%

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The Court of Appeals
 Court Activity, All Divisions, Notices of Discretionary Review, 1996-2000

	1996	1997 % Chg2	1998 % Chg2	1999 % Chg2	2000 % Chg2
FILINGS					
New Filings	492	428 -13.0%	439 2.6%	369 -15.9%	388 5.1%
Transfers	15	2 . %	3 . %	1 . %	3 . %
Total Filings	507	430 -15.2%	442 2.8%	370 -16.3%	391 5.7%
DISPOSITIONS					
Opinions Published	34	37 8.8%	30 -18.9%	37 23.3%	32 -13.5%
Opinions Unpublished	33	45 36.4%	35 -22.2%	39 11.4%	21 . %
Opinions	67	82 22.4%	65 -20.7%	76 16.9%	53 -30.3%
Motion on the Merits	2	0 . %	0 . %	1 . %	0 . %
Other Rulings	3	0 . %	0 . %	0 . %	0 . %
Commissioners' Rulings	5	0 . %	0 . %	1 . %	0 . %
Dismissed	58	80 37.9%	103 28.8%	71 -31.1%	85 19.7%
Transferred/Certified ¹	19	4 . %	1 . %	0 . %	1 . %
Review Not Accepted	265	288 8.7%	261 -9.4%	219 -16.1%	184 -16.0%
Other Terminations	47	45 -4.3%	33 -26.7%	20 . %	17 . %
Total Disposed	461	499 8.2%	463 -7.2%	387 -16.4%	340 -12.1%
PENDING AT YEAR END					
Case Stayed	18	11 . %	8 . %	5 . %	9 . %
Brief Not Filed	202	151 -25.2%	132 -12.6%	125 -5.3%	145 16.0%
Appellant Brief Filed	19	11 . %	17 . %	4 . %	17 . %
Respondent Brief Filed	23	26 . %	13 . %	16 . %	21 . %
Remanded to Trial Court	0	0 . %	1 . %	0 . %	1 . %
Set for Motion on the Merits	0	0 . %	1 . %	0 . %	1 . %
Ruling Referred to Panel	3	0 . %	5 . %	2 . %	1 . %
Set for Oral Argument	15	19 . %	7 . %	5 . %	31 . %
Total Awaiting Hearing	280	218 -22.1%	184 -15.6%	157 -14.7%	226 43.9%
Opinion/Order in Process	12	10 . %	20 . %	10 . %	7 . %
Total Pending Decision	292	228 -21.9%	204 -10.5%	167 -18.1%	233 39.5%
MANDATED					
Opinions	55	74 34.5%	76 2.7%	67 -11.8%	66 -1.5%
Commissioners' Rulings	6	0 . %	0 . %	1 . %	0 . %
Other	353	412 16.7%	379 -8.0%	344 -9.2%	260 -24.4%
Total Mandated	414	486 17.4%	455 -6.4%	412 -9.5%	326 -20.9%

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The Court of Appeals

Days Between Events for Criminal Appeals PENDING OR DISPOSED OF BY OPINION -- 75th Percentile¹, 1996-2000

	1996	1997	% Chg	1998	% Chg	1999	% Chg	2000	% Chg
DIVISION I									
Filing - Comp. of Record	.	.	. %	149	. %	156	4.7%	146	-6.4%
Filing - Stmt. of Arrgmts.	.	.	. %	53	. %	54	1.9%	73	35.2%
Stmt. of Arrgmts. - Comp. of Record	.	.	. %	97	. %	101	4.1%	77	-23.8%
Comp. of Record - App. Brief	.	.	. %	88	. %	90	2.3%	69	-23.3%
App. Brief - Ready	.	.	. %	133	. %	139	4.5%	100	-28.1%
Ready - Opinion	.	.	. %	266	. %	259	-2.6%	246	-5.0%
Filing - Opinion, Div. I2	.	.	. %	644	. %	632	-1.9%	564	-10.7%
DIVISION II									
Filing - Comp. of Record	.	.	. %	140	. %	139	-0.7%	128	-7.9%
Filing - Stmt. of Arrgmts.	.	.	. %	67	. %	60	-10.4%	68	13.3%
Stmt. of Arrgmts. - Comp. of Record	.	.	. %	86	. %	88	2.3%	69	-21.6%
Comp. of Record - App. Brief	.	.	. %	165	. %	322	94.8%	230	-28.5%
App. Brief - Ready	.	.	. %	148	. %	154	4.1%	124	-19.8%
Ready - Opinion	.	.	. %	403	. %	282	-30.0%	319	13.1%
Filing - Opinion, Div. II2	.	.	. %	690	. %	694	0.7%	708	2.0%
DIVISION III									
Filing - Comp. of Record	.	.	. %	127	. %	137	7.9%	122	-10.9%
Filing - Stmt. of Arrgmts.	.	.	. %	56	. %	53	-6.3%	55	4.8%
Stmt. of Arrgmts. - Comp. of Record	.	.	. %	79	. %	94	19.0%	81	-13.8%
Comp. of Record - App. Brief	.	.	. %	97	. %	98	1.0%	91	-7.1%
App. Brief - Ready	.	.	. %	170	. %	172	1.2%	137	-20.3%
Ready - Opinion	.	.	. %	300	. %	269	-10.3%	242	-10.0%
Filing - Opinion, Div. III2	.	.	. %	732	. %	703	-4.0%	668	-5.0%
COURT OF APPEALS, TOTAL									
Filing - Comp. of Record	.	.	. %	141	. %	145	2.8%	134	-7.6%
Filing - Stmt. of Arrgmts.	.	.	. %	57	. %	55	-3.5%	69	25.5%
Stmt. of Arrgmts. - Comp. of Record	.	.	. %	88	. %	97	10.2%	75	-22.7%
Comp. of Record - App. Brief	.	.	. %	114	. %	138	21.1%	106	-23.2%
App. Brief - Ready	.	.	. %	142	. %	153	7.7%	115	-24.8%
Ready - Opinion	.	.	. %	308	. %	270	-12.3%	291	7.8%
Filing - Opinion, Court of Appeals2	.	.	. %	683	. %	668	-2.2%	637	-4.6%

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The Court of Appeals

Days Between Events for Civil Appeals PENDING OR DISPOSED OF BY OPINION -- 75th Percentile¹, 1996-2000

	1996	1997	% Chg	1998	% Chg	1999	% Chg	2000	% Chg
DIVISION I									
Filing - Comp. of Record	.	.	. %	136	. %	118	-13.6%	138	17.4%
Filing - Stmt. of Arrgmts.	.	.	. %	67	. %	67	0.0%	71	6.0%
Stmt. of Arrgmts. - Comp. of Record	.	.	. %	86	. %	88	1.7%	77	-12.0%
Comp. of Record - App. Brief	.	.	. %	88	. %	97	10.2%	88	-9.3%
App. Brief - Ready	.	.	. %	86	. %	78	-9.3%	77	-1.3%
Ready - Opinion	.	.	. %	377	. %	351	-7.0%	305	-13.0%
Filing - Opinion, Div. I2	.	.	. %	644	. %	592	-8.1%	553	-6.6%
DIVISION II									
Filing - Comp. of Record	.	.	. %	121	. %	123	1.7%	113	-8.1%
Filing - Stmt. of Arrgmts.	.	.	. %	68	. %	73	7.4%	71	-2.7%
Stmt. of Arrgmts. - Comp. of Record	.	.	. %	75	. %	75	0.0%	60	-20.0%
Comp. of Record - App. Brief	.	.	. %	203	. %	250	23.2%	213	-14.8%
App. Brief - Ready	.	.	. %	68	. %	115	. %	78	. %
Ready - Opinion	.	.	. %	466	. %	331	-29.0%	352	6.3%
Filing - Opinion, Div. II2	.	.	. %	687	. %	605	-11.9%	617	2.0%
DIVISION III									
Filing - Comp. of Record	.	.	. %	128	. %	124	-3.1%	120	-3.2%
Filing - Stmt. of Arrgmts.	.	.	. %	75	. %	75	0.0%	70	-6.7%
Stmt. of Arrgmts. - Comp. of Record	.	.	. %	80	. %	77	-3.8%	76	-1.3%
Comp. of Record - App. Brief	.	.	. %	83	. %	83	0.0%	91	9.6%
App. Brief - Ready	.	.	. %	83	. %	83	0.0%	75	-9.6%
Ready - Opinion	.	.	. %	292	. %	293	0.3%	239	-18.4%
Filing - Opinion, Div. III2	.	.	. %	542	. %	571	5.4%	523	-8.5%
COURT OF APPEALS, TOTAL									
Filing - Comp. of Record	.	.	. %	127	. %	122	-3.9%	122	0.0%
Filing - Stmt. of Arrgmts.	.	.	. %	68	. %	70	2.9%	70	0.0%
Stmt. of Arrgmts. - Comp. of Record	.	.	. %	78	. %	80	1.9%	70	-11.9%
Comp. of Record - App. Brief	.	.	. %	133	. %	169	27.1%	145	-14.2%
App. Brief - Ready	.	.	. %	83	. %	80	-3.6%	77	-4.4%
Ready - Opinion	.	.	. %	396	. %	325	-17.9%	315	-3.1%
Filing - Opinion, Court of Appeals2	.	.	. %	645	. %	591	-8.4%	570	-3.6%

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The Court of Appeals

Days Between Events for Total Appeals PENDING OR DISPOSED OF BY OPINION -- 75th Percentile¹, 1996-2000

	1996	1997	% Chg	1998	% Chg	1999	% Chg	2000	% Chg
DIVISION I									
Filing - Comp. of Record	.	.	. %	148	. %	142	-3.7%	143	0.7%
Filing - Stmt. of Arrgmts.	.	.	. %	59	. %	59	0.0%	72	22.0%
Stmt. of Arrgmts. - Comp. of Record	.	.	. %	95	. %	99	4.2%	77	-22.2%
Comp. of Record - App. Brief	.	.	. %	88	. %	92	4.5%	78	-15.8%
App. Brief - Ready	.	.	. %	114	. %	111	-2.2%	92	-17.1%
Ready - Opinion	.	.	. %	337	. %	299	-11.3%	287	-4.0%
Filing - Opinion, Div. I2	.	.	. %	644	. %	615	-4.5%	560	-8.9%
DIVISION II									
Filing - Comp. of Record	.	.	. %	134	. %	133	-0.7%	125	-6.0%
Filing - Stmt. of Arrgmts.	.	.	. %	68	. %	64	-5.9%	69	7.8%
Stmt. of Arrgmts. - Comp. of Record	.	.	. %	83	. %	83	0.0%	67	-19.3%
Comp. of Record - App. Brief	.	.	. %	189	. %	293	54.8%	217	-25.8%
App. Brief - Ready	.	.	. %	128	. %	152	18.8%	114	-25.0%
Ready - Opinion	.	.	. %	449	. %	302	-32.7%	331	9.4%
Filing - Opinion, Div. II2	.	.	. %	688	. %	652	-5.2%	665	2.0%
DIVISION III									
Filing - Comp. of Record	.	.	. %	128	. %	133	3.9%	121	-9.0%
Filing - Stmt. of Arrgmts.	.	.	. %	60	. %	58	-3.3%	58	0.0%
Stmt. of Arrgmts. - Comp. of Record	.	.	. %	79	. %	88	11.4%	78	-11.4%
Comp. of Record - App. Brief	.	.	. %	92	. %	97	5.4%	91	-6.2%
App. Brief - Ready	.	.	. %	137	. %	147	7.3%	111	-24.5%
Ready - Opinion	.	.	. %	295	. %	281	-4.7%	240	-14.8%
Filing - Opinion, Div. III2	.	.	. %	658	. %	640	-2.7%	593	-7.3%
COURT OF APPEALS, TOTAL									
Filing - Comp. of Record	.	.	. %	138	. %	138	0.0%	132	-4.3%
Filing - Stmt. of Arrgmts.	.	.	. %	62	. %	61	-1.6%	69	13.1%
Stmt. of Arrgmts. - Comp. of Record	.	.	. %	85	. %	91	7.1%	73	-19.8%
Comp. of Record - App. Brief	.	.	. %	120	. %	157	30.8%	119	-24.2%
App. Brief - Ready	.	.	. %	121	. %	126	4.1%	99	-21.4%
Ready - Opinion	.	.	. %	357	. %	295	-17.4%	301	2.0%
Filing - Opinion, Court of Appeals2	.	.	. %	663	. %	633	-4.5%	608	-3.9%

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